

Canine Healing Services is a John Howard Society of Manitoba program, in partnership with numerous community organizations., such as:

OFE Opportunities for Employment



The John Howard Society of Manitoba is a non-profit organization that primarily works with men (18+) who have been, or may be incarcerated.

We actively advocate for effective, evidence-based and humane approaches to reducing crime and creating safer, healthier communities.

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Pre-Employment Program



This program aims to assist men who have been in conflict with the law develop basic pre-employment skills, all while introducing them to a unique experience of working with dogs. This project is in partnership with many agencies, including

Mehgan Search and Rescue (MSAR), a service dog training agency, and Wooftopia, a Dog Training and Recreation Centre. Participants in this program spend time with both agencies, all while being supported by a Program Coordinator. They assist these agencies by completing volunteer hours, as well as attending information sessions, where certified dog trainers teach participants about dog behaviours, pet obedience, as well as tips on owning your own business. Once participants are referred, they attend an intake/assessment, followed by a group orientation session.

After they complete the 6-week program, they are then referred to Opportunities For Employment (OFE), to assist them further with professional development and finding employment.

Program Criteria

- Men (18+) who have been involved with the criminal justice system
- Ability to make a 6 week commitment (approximately 25 hours in total)
- Available to volunteer Fridays from 10:30AM-12:30PM, as well as attend information sessions once a week
- Able to attend and comfortable in various public areas (eg. shopping malls, parks, etc.) as well as no restrictions around being with women and children
- Please note that a criminal history & current convictions will be required at time of referral
- This program recognizes that there is an over-representation of Indigenous people involved in the criminal justice system; therefore, priority will be given to those who identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit

Individual Pet Therapy

Canine Healing Services also offers individuals the opportunity to participate in Pet Therapy, with St. John Ambulance's Therapy dog program.

Participants in this program attend a 30 minute pet therapy session, every second Friday. They spend time with the dog, along with their handler and the Canine Healing Services Coordinator.

Program Criteria

- Men (18+) who have been involved with the criminal justice system
- Able to attend 30 minute sessions, every other Friday (will be scheduled between 10AM-11AM)
- Willingness to commit to the program for a minimum of 3 months (6 sessions)
- Must be referred

**For more information contact the Program Coordinator at:
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